

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

<b>WILLIAM R. BRANCH,</b>	:	<b>CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:00-CV-1728</b>
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<b>Plaintiff</b>	:	<b>(Judge Conner)</b>
	:	
<b>v.</b>	:	
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<b>MR. RUSSIAN, et al.,</b>	:	
	:	
<b>Defendants</b>	:	

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 7th day of January, 2004, upon consideration of plaintiff's amended complaint (Doc. 118), and it appearing that a responsive pleading to the original complaint has previously been served and that plaintiff did not obtain leave of court or consent of defendants prior to filing the amended complaint, see FED. R. CIV. P. 15(a), it is hereby ORDERED that the amended complaint (Doc. 118) is STRICKEN from the record. The Clerk of Court shall return the amended complaint (Doc. 118) to plaintiff but shall retain a copy of the document in the docket in the above-captioned case.

S/ Christopher C. Conner  
CHRISTOPHER C. CONNER  
United States District Judge